

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Q<sup>3</sup> 1. (Currently Amended) A method for previewing the result of a function's application to an object using a processing system comprising a pointing device and a display displaying a movable pointer controlled by the pointing device, the method comprising the steps of:

storing the object and function in the system;

displaying an icon representing the function on the display;

outputting a preview generated by applying the function to the object when the pointer is moved onto the icon, wherein the function applies an effect to the object; and

replacing the object with the result of the function's application to the object.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the object is a multimedia object.

3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the object is an image or a layer.

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the object is a video.

5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the object is a sound.

6. (Cancelled)

Q3 7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the function applies an image effect to the object.

8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the function applies a video effect to the object.

9. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the function applies a sound effect to the object.

10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the preview is output when the pointer is moved onto the icon for a period of time.

11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the object is replaced with the application result of the function to the object when an event is triggered.

12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the pointing device is a mouse.

13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the event is clicking the icon.

14. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the preview is output by the display.

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15. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the processing system further comprises a speaker by which the preview is output.

16. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

terminating outputting the preview when the pointer is moved out of the icon.

17. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the application result replacing the object is the preview.

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